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Dear Josh:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 15 and the information on communication of the article to PNAS. I certainly appreciate all of your questions and comments. We are still not able to provide the most rigorous evidence, namely the cloning of the newly acquired piece in the sequential analysis of the nucleotide sequence around the site of integration. However, we are busily engaged in this and hope to be able to complete this aspect within the next year. One of the more difficult things slowing our work has been the whole issue of the recombinant DNA guidelines and the procedures under which we can carry out such work. At the moment we are moving it up to P3 again because the NIH still has not come to firm grips with this issue. We will hopefully get a draft on the subtilis position paper to you in the not too distant future. It has taken me longer than I had anticipated to pull it together. Unfortunately, my schedule as well as yours has been compacted by a lot of conflicting pressures. Hopefully, we can get it resolved in the near future.

I am truly looking forward to having you join us in New York State. It will be great to be able to see you more frequently, and I hope that it will be possible to attract you to Rochester after you have been fully recombined, integrated and replicated in your new environment.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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